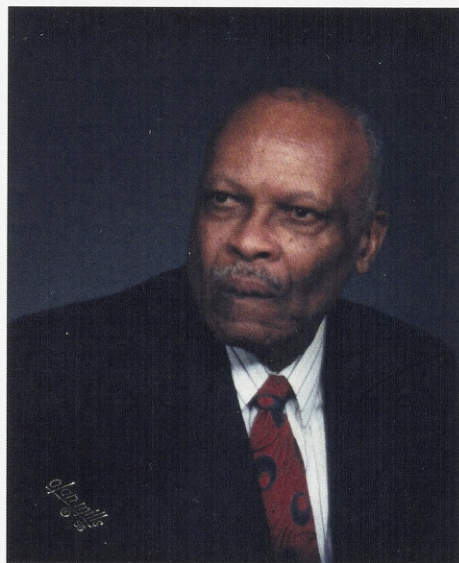


CELEBRATING THE LIFE &
LEGACY OF
MELVIN C. BATTEN



July 6, 1929

April 20, 2012

Services

Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.
Stewart's Rose Manor Funeral Services
3331 MacDonald Avenue, Richmond, CA

Dr. Kevin B. Hall, Officiant

The Obituary

Melvin C. Batten (M. C.) was born to the proud parents of M.C. and Zodia V. Batten on July 6, 1929 in Bossier City, Louisiana. Melvin accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at a very early age at Growing Valley Baptist Church in Minden, LA, under the late Rev. J.H. Dixon, Pastor

The Batten family migrated to California in February 1946 and Melvin united with St. John Missionary Baptist Church in the same year under the leadership of Rev. James Brown, Pastor. He was active in Sunday School, BTU and the Youth Choir.

He received his formal education in the Richmond Public School System. He attended Longfellow Junior High School, Harry Ells High School and he graduated from El Cerrito High School where he was a member of the Track Team. Melvin excelled in the 100 yard dash and the 400 Relay. His team was a member of the Alameda County League and they were one of the best in Northern California.

After High School he joined the Air Force and served four years, with a tour of duty in Oklahoma and the Philippines. Upon returning to civilian life, he married Miss Gracie Gills and to that union a son Idres Jamal Batten was born. He worked for Safeway Stores as a Lumper Supervisor for many years until his failing health.

He leaves to celebrate and cherish his memory: one son Idres Jamal Batten, two sisters Gladys Dunkley (James) and Zodia Jordan (Elwood), nieces, Sheila Dunkley and Sherida Walker, nephew, Seleem Ranu Jordan (Rita) great nieces, Sherice Harvey Romi and Naomi Jordan, great nephew, Ryan Jordan, two Aunts Hazel Cary and Nan Cary, a host of other nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents.



Order of Service

- Musical Prelude.....Sister Willa Gaye Williams
- Processional.....Clergy, Family & Friends
- Scripture.....Old Testament.....Minister Otis Harris
Scripture.....New Testament.....Minister Otis Harris
- Prayer.....Pastor Jonathan Green
Praises of Zion Baptist Church, Clearlake, CA
- Solo.....Sister Willa Gaye Williams
- Acknowledgements.....Sister Judy Matthews
- Solo.....Sister Willa Gaye Williams
- Expressions..... (2 minutes please)
- Obituary.....Read Silently
- Solo.....Minister Cynthia Harris
- Words of ComfortDr. Kevin B. Hall
- Recessional..... Stewart's Rose Manor Funeral Services

Interment
Rolling Hills Memorial Park
Richmond, CA

Active Pallbearers

Deacon Arthur L. Johnson

Deacon Jesse Jackson

Deacon Bobby Johnson

Deacon Lawrence Moses

Deacon Nick Waller

Deacon Ron Labuzan

Honorary Pallbearers

Brother Idres Jamal Batten

Brother James Dunkley

Deacon Elwood Jordan

Brother Seleem Ranu

Brother Ryan Jordan



Thank you

The Batten, Dunkley and Jordan families wish to thank each of you for your kindness and your prayers during this very difficult time. We give thanks to God for sharing Melvin with us, and we give thanks to God for sending you to console us during this time. We ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers as we continue to heal.

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